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ABSTRACT

This annotated list of reference sources features materials about Christopher Columbus's voyages to the Americas. While the sources featured are to be found specifically in Kent State University (Ohio) Libraries, this guide may provide helpful suggestions to persons interested in materials on Columbus in general. The guide covers the following materials: general encyclopedias, specialized encyclopedias and atlases, general histories of exploration, selected biographical and other secondary sources, selected primary sources, and periodical literatrue. (DB)

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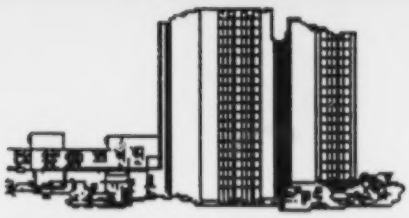

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Christopher Columbus And His Voyages To America

A Guide to Selected Sources in the Kent State University Libraries

The quincentennial of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World will be celebrated in 1992. In commemoration of this 500th anniversary, this guide has been prepared to assist users in locating information on Columbus, his voyages, and his contributions to the European exploration of the Americas.

In addition to suggesting approaches for using CATALYST, this guide identifies various reference sources to use in beginning a search. Sections on general histories of exploration, biographical sources, and published primary materials are included as well. Finally, it contains suggestions on sources to consult for finding periodical literature on Columbus and his voyages.

USING CATALYST TO LOCATE BOOKS

Author Searches
Type a = followed by your author's name, last name first. For instance, a = COLUMBUS CHRISTOPHER.

Title Searches
Type t = followed by the title of the book. For instance, t = Admiral of the Ocean Seas (but remember to avoid using initial articles "a," "an," or "the").

Subject Searches
Type s = followed by your subject. Useful headings include: s = AMERICA--DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION; s = COLUMBUS, CHRISTOPHER; s = AMERICA--EARLY ACCOUNTS TO 1600 (use this to locate primary source material); s = EXPLORERS--AMERICA--BIOGRAPHY; s = EXPLORERS--SPAIN--BIOGRAPHY; s = SPAIN--COLONIES--AMERICA (Note: Also consult ***Library of Congress Subject Headings*** to find other appropriate subject headings).

Keyword Searches (Note: This feature may not be available on all terminals).
Type k = followed by your word choices (e.g., k = Christopher Columbus and journal).

GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS (Consulting Table)

Encyclopedia Americana, Collier's Encyclopedia, Encyclopaedia Britannica and World Book Encyclopedia all have entries under COLUMBUS, CHRISTOPHER. ***Collier's*** also has a lengthy entry under EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY. Each of these provide a general overview.

SPECIALIZED ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND ATLASES

On Order — Bedini, Silvio A., ed. ***The Christopher Columbus Encyclopedia***. 2 vols. Westwood, NJ: Simon and Schuster, 1991.
Over 350 articles, illustrated with maps, drawings and photographs about Columbus and the world in which he lived. Entries are cross-referenced and include bibliographies.

Ref G 200.D53 — Delpar, Helen, ed. ***The Discoverers: An Encyclopedia of Explorers and Exploration***. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1980.
Includes entries for both people and subjects related to exploration; Columbus has a four-page entry that includes a map, illustrations, and a short bibliography.

Ref E 174.5.E52 — Morris, Richard B., ed. ***Encyclopedia of American History***. New York: Harper and Row, 1982.
Contains a five-page entry on Columbus.

On Order

Nebenzahl, Kenneth. ***Atlas of Columbus and the Great Discoveries***. Chicago: Rand McNally, 1990.
This richly illustrated and well-researched work shows the state of geography and mapmaking in Columbus' time. Also describes how mapmakers later integrated the explorations and discoveries of the 15th and 16th centuries into European maps.

Ref G 200.R5513 1969

Riverain, Jean. ***Concise Encyclopedia of Explorations***. London: Collins; Chicago: Follet, 1969.
Includes a biographical sketch of Columbus with portrait and map of voyages.

Ref E 174.5.A45 1983

Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr., ed. ***Almanac of American History***. New York: Putnam, 1983.
Includes a short entry on Columbus with a portrait.

GENERAL HISTORIES OF EXPLORATION

E 111.C94 1969

Crone, G. R. ***The Discovery of America***. New York: Weybright and Talley, 1969.
A broad survey of New World explorations from the pre-Columbian period to the sixteenth century. Nearly a third of the chapters pertain to Columbus.

E 101.M85

Morison, Samuel Eliot. ***The European Discovery of America***. 2 vols. Vol. 2, ***The Southern Voyages, 1492-1616***. New York: Oxford University Press, 1974.
Almost a third of Volume 2 deals directly with Columbus and his voyages. A series of maps shows the routes traveled in detail. Has an excellent bibliography following the first chapter.

E 101.M852 1978

_____. ***The Great Explorers: The European Discovery of America***. New York: Oxford University Press, 1978.
A condensed version of Morison's ***European Discovery of America***.

G 95.P45 1955

Penrose, Boies. ***Travel and Discovery in the Renaissance, 1420-1620***. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1955.
One of the better surveys of Renaissance exploration. Includes an informative chapter on the classical and medieval background to the Age of Discovery.

G 95.W73 1970

Wright, Louis B. ***Gold, Glory and the Gospel: The Adventurous Lives and Times of the Renaissance Explorers***. New York: Atheneum, 1970.
Discusses the motives behind exploration and colonization.

SELECTED BIOGRAPHICAL AND OTHER SECONDARY SOURCES

E 111.C63 1977

Collis, John Stewart. ***Christopher Columbus***. New York: Stein and Day, 1977.
A readable and informative story of Columbus and his contemporaries.

E 111.C737

Colon, Fernando. ***The Life of Christopher Columbus by His Son, Ferdinand***. Translated and annotated by Benjamin Keen. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1959.
Columbus' first biography, which appeared originally in 1575. Still considered to be a basic documentary and biographical source.

E 112.I63 1985

DeVorsey, Louis Jr. and John Parker, eds. ***In the Wake of Columbus: Islands and Controversy***. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1985.
The eight articles in this work represent some of the more recent historical research on Columbus and his voyages.

E 111.G784 1985

Granzotto, Gianni. ***Christopher Columbus***. Garden City, NJ: Doubleday, 1985.
A well written narrative. The final chapter discusses Columbus' last years and the history of his reputation--including why Columbus was almost forgotten by history for the first three centuries following his death.

E 111.I816 1981

Irving, Washington. ***The Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus***. Edited by John Harmon McElroy. Boston: Twayne Publishers, 1981.
As the first American biography of Columbus, Irving's work still is viewed as a basic source. This reprint of the 1828 original is annotated and contains historical comments about the author.

E 111.L2643

Landström, Björn. ***Columbus***. New York: MacMillan, 1966.
An illustrated work that includes a chronology of Columbus' life.

E 111.M86 1942a

Morison, Samuel Eliot. ***Admiral of the Ocean Sea***. Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1942.
Widely considered to be the definitive biography of Columbus. Especially strong in recreating the navigational experience of the voyages. This is a condensed version of the original two volume work (also published in 1942), which included notes, navigational data, and two additional chapters.

E 111.M863 1955a

_____. ***Christopher Columbus, Mariner***. New York: New American Library, c1955.
This condensed version of ***Admiral of the Ocean Sea*** is aimed mainly at a popular audience.

On Order

Sale, Kirkpatrick. ***Conquest of Paradise: Christopher Columbus and the Columbian Legacy***. New York: Knopf, 1990.
A controversial study of Columbus, emphasizing the exploitative elements of European culture that influenced Columbus' drive to sail in the first place.

E 111.T35

Thacher, John Boyd. ***Christopher Columbus: His Life, His Work, His Remains***. 3 vols. Cleveland: Arthur H. Clark, 1903-04.
Besides providing a detailed biography of Columbus, this work also examines the history of Columbus scholarship and the sources on which it has been based. For example, in Volume III, thirty-nine alleged portraits of Columbus are presented and reviewed.

SELECTED PRIMARY SOURCES

F 1411.C4275 1971

Casas, Bartolome de las. ***History of the Indies***. Translated and edited by Andree Collard. New York: Harper and Row, 1971.
Las Casas was an important early historian of the New World (his transcription of Columbus' ***Journal*** is the only one to have survived to modern times). This work chronicles the early European presence in America and criticizes mistreatment of the native population.

On Order

Columbus, Christopher. ***The Diario of Christopher Columbus' First Voyage to America 1492-1493***. Oliver Dunn and James E. Kelley, Jr., translators and eds. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1989.
Columbus' journal is the basic source for what is known about his voyages. This scholarly version includes numerous footnotes. The editors compare their translation and interpretation with earlier ones. Also, they include a reproduction of the original Spanish text.

On Order

_____. ***The Log of Christopher Columbus***. Robert H. Fuson, translator. Camden, ME: International Marine Publishing Co., 1987.
A readable version of the journal, supplemented by chapters about Columbus, the history of the journal, and travel technology of the time. Contains maps, charts, and reproductions of manuscripts and documents.

E 118.C725 1960 _____. ***The Journal of Christopher Columbus***. Translated by Cecil Jane. London: Blond, 1968.
One of the standard versions of Columbus' journal, well illustrated with woodcuts and drawings from Columbus' time.

E 141.A604 1970 D'Anghera, Peter Martyr. ***De Orbe Novo: The Eight Decades of Peter Martyr D'Anghera***. Translated from the Latin with notes and introduction by Francis Augustus MacNutt. 2 vols. New York: Burt Franklin, 1912.
D'Anghera served as a chronicler of the Spanish court in 1492. This is considered to be the first written history of the New World, completed over several decades during the 1500s.

q E 111.M865 1963 Morison, Samuel Eliot. ***Journals and Other Documents on the Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus***. New York: The Heritage Press, 1963.
A collection of journals, letters, and other relevant documents. Each item is introduced with comments that place it in a historical context.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE

Search for citations to articles and other studies (e.g., reports) on subjects pertaining to Columbus and his contemporaries in CD-ROMs and print indexes. All of these sources are in the Reference Center and can be found either on the index tables or in the CD-ROM area. After you find a citation, search CATALYST to determine whether the Library owns the periodical that contains the article (Note: Refer to Library Guide #11, "***Searching for Periodicals on CATALYST***," for further information).

Among the most useful CD-ROMs for Columbus studies are:

UMI PERIODICAL ABSTRACTS (general magazines).
Use search term: CHRISTOPHER W/2 COLUMBUS.

MLA INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY (literary criticism).
Use search term: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

ERIC (education articles and documents).
Use search term: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS IN ID.

Among the most useful print indexes for Columbus studies are:

Ref Z 1236.A48 ***America: History and Life***. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 1964-present.
Covers U.S. and Canada. Includes abstracts to journal articles, and provides citations to dissertations and book reviews. The last issue in each year is an annual index.

Ref Z 6204.H58 ***Historical Abstracts***. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 1964-present.
Covers the world outside U.S. and Canada. Format is similar to that of ***America: History and Life***. Search Part A, Modern History Abstracts, for articles about Columbus.

Ref AI 3.R49a ***Humanities Index***. New York: H.W. Wilson Co., 1964-present.
An author and subject index to articles in humanities journals, including historical periodicals.

CIS SEARCHES

Those doing advanced work should consider having a Computerized Information Service (CIS) search done. This service offers online searching for a fee. The cost varies, depending on the database and the time required for the search. Searches must be scheduled in advance. Contact the reference office at 672-3045 during business hours to schedule an appointment.